

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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Solar Equipment

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide solar heater and solar lamp to people at low prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the subsidy on solar power equipment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to spread awareness among the people about the use of solar energy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): The Ministry provides 30% of subsidy equivalent in Rs/Wp so as to encourage people to adopt solar lighting systems. However, subsidy on solar heater was discontinued during 2014-15 as the cost of solar water heaters have come down substantially. They are being sold in the market without subsidy.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Ministry has taken following measures to spread awareness among the people about the use of solar energy:

1. Organizing Camps and training programme through State agencies, Banks, Manufacturers/Suppliers of Solar Systems
2. Advertisements in electronic and print media.
3. Publication of Magazines on renewable energy including special issues on Solar Energy.
4. Organizing Exhibitions
